

# KRS-One Lyrics

## "Underground"

*[Chorus]*

What does it mean to be UNDERGROUND?  
It means you gotta be free to be UNDERGROUND  
Yo, you got your own key when you're UNDERGROUND  
If you're listening to me yo you UNDERGROUND

It's time that I open with a thunder sound  
Now look around your own town for the UNDERGROUND  
Yo, you rhymin for the TV, or a million CD's?  
You ain't a MC, you ain't UNDERGROUND  
You could be platinum or gold, hot or cold  
But it's the respect you hold that's UNDERGROUND  
When the critics don't get, that for the streets you spit it  
When your lyric they fear, that's UNDERGROUND

*[Chorus]*

Yo, white kids, black kids, skinny kids, fat kids  
Them Asian cats be UNDERGROUND  
Chicanos, Palestinians, Milanos, fuck the Lone Ranger  
Where's Tanto? That's UNDERGROUND  
Freddie Foxxx, Blackalicious, Kweli  
M.O.P., GangStarr that's UNDERGROUND  
Mad Lion, Smif-N-Wessun, Buckshot  
Armageddeon T.S. that's UNDERGROUND, UHH!

*[Chorus]*

Yo, the t'cha returns, I told y'all I went to Cali to learn  
And that shit was UNDERGROUND  
If the cops be eyein you, cause survive is what you try to do  
Yo I'm wit you, you UNDERGROUND  
If it's justice you want, and you protest the ice they flaunt  
You want skills that's UNDERGROUND  
Yo it's not about a rugger rapper, or an actor  
It's about your subject matter that's UNDERGROUND  
LOOK!

*[Chorus]*

Chevonne Dean from Ruff Ryders, all the Outsiderz  
Young Zee, that's UNDERGROUND  
When all your money's spent, and you're still hangin on  
to 50 Cent (get it) you UNDERGROUND  
When you rep the collective consciousness of hip-hop  
Not hip-pop, you UNDERGROUND  
Yo it ain't about jewels, bitches and cars  
It's about Nas, that's UNDERGROUND, yo!

*[Chorus]*

To be underground simply means that you're down  
for the struggle, get 'em up, that's UNDERGROUND  
You could be a classy lady or a whore  
But if you protest the war, for sure, you UNDERGROUND  
If the government can't see you, or deceive you  
You love your people, believe you UNDERGROUND  
If you refuse to play the game, you go against the grain  
You ridin the train, you UNDERGROUND - get it!

*[Chorus]*

Yo, yo, that blast from the past, like Grandmaster Caz  
Bam and Flash, that's UNDERGROUND  
Doug E. Fresh, Lord Finesse, KRS  
If you listenin to this you UNDERGROUND  
Turn it up now KRS about to show you how  
They go wow, BLAOW for the UNDERGROUND  
Mr. Walt, Evil Dee, KRS, BDP  
Kenny P, that's UNDERGROUND - do it!

*[Chorus]*

(Alright!) Turn it up ah, turn it up ah  
Turn it up ah, turn it up ah  
Turn it up ah, turn it up ah  
Turn it up if you UNDERGROUND - LISTEN!